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CURRAN'S INJURIES FATAL, He Died at the Hospital From a Fall

From His Wheet, Rives C. Curran, who, as stated in The Times of yesterday, suffered a fracture of his skuli by being thrown from his bicycle by collision at Maryland avenue and Four-audia-half street, late Saturday night, died at Emergency Hospital at 8:20 s.m. yesteria; Curran never recovered con-

His wife was with him till the last. The surgeons at Emergency performed an operation on Curran, and this probably preserved his life a few hours. An amtopsy, conducted by Deputy Coroner Ginzebrook, showed that Curran received

a compound fracture of the skull. The remains were removed yesterday afternoon to the late home of the deceased, No. 308 E street northwest, where the coroner will hold an inquest this afternoon. So far as learned by the police, the only man who was close at hand when the accident occurred is a man named Moyer, who lives on D street, between Second and Third streets northwest. It is said that he saw Curran when his bicycle struck a colored man who was crossing Four-and-a-half street.

Curran had been employed as a book-keeper by Wheatley Brothers, and he leaves widow and two children.

PETITION WITHDRAWN,

But Col, Colt's Suit Against Van

Alen Still Stands, Providence, R. I., Nov. 10,-The proceedings for divorce began last month by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Colt, a social leader of Bristol, have come to a standstill. The failure of her counsel to secure the slight-est evidence to establish her allegation of adultery against Col. Samuel Pomeroy Colt will in all probability result in a withdra wat of the petition from the supreme court. Her lawyers are denouncing the New Hampshire witnesses who were on hand at Conway to make depositions.

It was believed a week ago that some important evidence might be found in New York, but it is now conceded that only statements of doubtful value are avail-able here. It is thought that the lawyers for Mrs. Colt made a mistake in filing the divorce petition prematurely before they had secured their New Hampshire evidence relating to an alleged episode at Jackson, in the White Mountains, Mrs. Colt's divorce petition will be withdrawn or dismissed just as soon as her lawyers can do so without great publicity.

The end of the divorce case does not in the least affect the standing on the court docket of the suit of Col. Colt against James G. Van Alen for \$200,000 for alternating his wife's affections.

## BISHOP TAYLOR PRESIDED

Epworth League Convention Brought to a Close.

RALLY OF THE JUNIORS

It Preceded the Evening Session and Was of an Interesting Character. Weather Did Not Keep the Young Folks Away - Consecration Meeting at Foundry Church.

The fifth annual convention of the District Epworth League adjourned sine die iast night at Foundry M. E. Church. There was a notably large gathering at the church, which filled the auditorium and the galleries. The two specially interesting features of the meeting were the address of the venerable bishop of Africa, Rev. Dr. William Taylor, and a consecration service which was conducted by that distinguished di-

The presiding officer of the evening was the Rev. Luther B. Wilson, D. D., pre-siding elder of the District, with him on the siding ciner of the District, with annual con-restrum being Dr. O. A. Brown, pastor of the church; Bishop Taylor, and the Revs. Hartsook, Widerman, Case, Pate, and others. The Methodist clergy of the District were well represented a great many of them oc-cupying seats in the audience near the pulpit.

BISHOP TAYLOR'S ADDRESS. After the customary song service and prayer an address was made by Dr. Brown in which he welcomed the great assemin which he welcomed the great assemblage to the church and to participation in the exercises. He also spoke of the duties of the coming year and arged the necessity of consecration for any work in which the congregation or individuals could be engaged. He made a particularly felicitous introduction of hishop Taylor, who is the guest with his wife and son, of Mr. B. H. Stinemets, 1531 F street.

His theme last evening was the relation of

Stinemets, 1531 P street.

His theme last evening was the relation of children to the Kingdom of God bringing them to Christ being the surest way for the redemption of the world.

Hundreds of people gave in their testimony at the love feast and consecration services, the meeting being closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

RALLY OF THE JUNIORS

As was expected, the rally of the Juniors of the Epworth League yesterday after noon, at Metropolitan M. E. Church, was a decidedly interesting affair. The wes ther tried very hard to keep the young people at home, but it falled. The attendance was, therefore, more than was expected, the boys and girls turning out in numbers to hear the addresses and nusic of the programme.

The officers and quite a number of the cembers of the Epworth League, together with the Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston, paster of the church, and the Rev. Dr. L. B. Wilson, were present to encourage the Juniors, and altogether they had a most Rev. H. B. Leech, presided. Prof. W. T. Palmer, of Trinity Chapter, was in charge of the music.

The opening address was made by the superintendent, he being followed by Mrs. M. M. Mitchell, the newly elected second vice president, who spoke on the general subject of the Juniers. She made a powerful plea for them and described their power and force and effect in the general organ-

A singularly happy address was made by Miss Katharine J. Laws of Foundry Her subject was "Reverence" thich she treated in relation to the floral and brute kingdom, for old age, for one's sarents, for the national flag, the church, he Bible and the name of Jesus.

OTHER ADDRESSES. This was followed by a brief practical alle from the new treasurer, Mr. Austin. who took occasion to acknowledge the onor done him by his election to this office.

A pleasant little address was delivered by Miss Della Croinb, in which she adverted A pleasant little address was delivered by Miss Della Cromb, in which she adverted to the co-operation between the juniors and their officers, which had made the organization their officers, which had made the organization of the extent of compelling a witness to the extent of compelling a witness she trusted would work under her ad-

Rev. Dr. Wilson talked to the young peo ple in a delightfully informal way and in such manner as insured the attention and such manner as insured the attention and interest of his audience. His lessons were those of duty, obedience and affection for ing suspiciously in a wagon drawn by a their officers.

The musical programme included a vocal solo by Prof. Palmer and the singing in chorus of the beautiful and appropriate closing hymn, "God be with you till we eet again."

The benediction was by the Rev. Dr. Johnston. Dr. Johnston has been very constant in his attendance at the meetings, being the pastor of the church which has one of the largest chapters in the city At Foundry M. E. Church vesterday morn ing Epworth League sermous were preached at 11 o'clock by Presiding Elder Wilson and Rev. Oliver A. Brown, D. D., the pastor. The former chose for his theme "The duty of the Epworth League to the church," and the latter, "The duty of the church to the Epworth League." Both discourses were practical and able presentations. Miss Grace Alischer sang a solo. The floral display was insteful and in keeping with the league colors, white and red-

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BURNED TO DEATH,

Hattle Davis Met a Horrible Fate in

Alexandria, Hattie Davis, a colored woman, between forty-five and fifty years of age, was burned to death shortly after 9 o'clock last night at her home in Alexandria. The w lived in a tumble-down shanty in Price's alley, a small court between Prince and King streets and Union and Lee.

George Betty, a white man residing in the neighborhood, was passing down the the neighborhood, was passing down the street when he heard screams issuing from the alley. He ran into the court and located the sounds in the hit occupied by Hattle Davis. The door was fastened, but he burst it open and discovered the old colored woman sitting in a chair, enveloped in flames. He dragged her to the outer air and extinguished the fire, but not before she had been fatally burned. She died within liften minutes of the time as died within fifteen minutes of the time as sistance reached ber, death probably re-sulting from inhaling the flames.

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Three Too Festive Citizens Robert Hall and Vincent Bell, brick-layers, and Henry Brown, a clerk, will plead in the police court this morning to charges of disorderly conduct. Po-licemen Audiridge and Barnes of No. 2 locked the men up late Saturday night.

Patten Shook de Bones, James Patten engaged in a game of rap in "Swampoodle" last night. He s now in No. 2 station-house, whither e was brought by Policeman Vander-

Gone to Shoot Ducks. Policeman E. M. Jett of the Eighth precinct has gone on a ten days' hunting trip in Maryland.

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### REFUSED TO DRINK BEER

On That Account He Was Held for Contempt of Court,

Question Raised Whether a Man Can Be Compelled to Imbibe to Promore the Ends of Justice.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 10.-William Meyer.

The cause of contempt is very peculiar and is said to be the first of the kind occurring in the United States. The assistant attorney general was prosecuting a man named Herron for a violation of the pro-hibitory liquor law. Herron's liquors were brought into court under the search and seizure clause of the law. Expert testimony s required to prove to the pary that what med to be beer was beer and hence in-

Meyer was subpensed as an expert witss, and in his examination he stated he ness, and in his examination he stated he knew by taste only that beer.

Just then the judge ordered the court build to pull a cork, which was done. The judge presented the bottle to Meyer and ordered him to drink it in order to testify to the character of its contents. Meyer refused to drink the beer and the judge lu-mediately issued a commitment, sending him to jail for contempt. Habess corpus proceedings were immediately commenced proceedings were immediately commenced and the papers are now in the hands of the

IN A STOLEN RIG.

Two Boys Ran Off With Mr. Cary's Wagon,

He hailed the lads and told them to stop.

It was learned later that the rig belonged to Cary, the beer manufacturer, and had been stolen from in front of No. 921 street northwest

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an Immense Throng.

SERMON TO THE YOUNG MEN

Vivid Word Picture of the Famous Orgy and the Lessons It Conveys. Hundreds Were Again Turned A way From the Church-The Thanksgiv-

The eloquent Dr. Talmage continues to tiract to the First Presbyterian Church that "cloud of witnesses," of whom he spoke with such ferver and interest in his naugural sermon as copastor of that burch. There was present last night during thudelivery of the sermon, the textof which is given below, an immease congregation in the church, one of the features of the assemblage being the great number who stood during the delivery. As usual there were other hundreds who failed to find standing room, although they came early with the hope of getting a position any-The solo at the offertory was song by Mrs. William L. Wilson, the gifted seprar of the choir. She sang Faikenstein's "Ave Verum," using the text "Jesus, I my cross have taken."

nave taken."

It will be of interest to the public to be informed that at the special request of Rev. Dr. Sunderland, pastor of the church, Dr. Talmage will deliver the movaing sermon on Thanksgiving Day. FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR.

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Dr Talmage's subject was Belshazzar's
feast, the text being "In that might Belshazzar, the King of the Chaldeans, slain,"

As he concluded the text Dr. Taimage

As he concluded the text Dr. Taimage leaned forward and in his great voice, flupressive from its very volume, said:
"Night was about to come down on Babylon. The singdows of her two hundred and fifty towers began to lengthen. The Euphrates rolled on, touched by the flery spiendors of the setting sun; and gates of brass, burnished and glittering, opened and shut like doors of flame.
"The lengting germens at Fabylon, wet with the heavy dew, began to pour, from starlliflowers and dripping leaf, a fragrance for many miles around. The streets and squares were lighted for dance and frolic and promenade. The theaters and galleries of art lavited the wealth, and pompand grandeur of the city to rare entertaimments. Scenes of riot and wassail were mingled in every street, and godless mirth, find outrageous-scees and appended wickedness canne to the king's palace, to do their mightlest deeds of darkness.

GATHERING TO THE BANQUET.

GATHERING TO THE PANQUET. "Open wide the gates and let the guests ome in. The chamberlains and cup-bearer come in. The chamberhains and cup-bearers are all ready. Hark to the rustle of the sliks, and to the carol of the maskel. See the blaze of the fewelst Lift the banners. Fill the caps. Chap the cymbals. Blow the trumpers. Let the night go by with song, and the near the rust go by with song, and the near the rust go by with song, and the near the rust go by with song, and the rust of rust of the rust of the rust of r

DEATH AT THE ORGY. "Meanwhile the Medes, who for two ears have been laying sleep to that city, box advantage of that carousal and came i." I hear the feet of the conquerors on a pulner stairs. Massacre rushes in with thousand gleaning knives. Death bursts ne: and I shut the door of that apon the scene; and I shut the door of that tanquetling hall, for I do not want to look. There is nothing there but torn banners, and broken wrenths, and the stush of up-set tankards, and the blood of murdered women, and the kicked and tembled carwomen, and the kicked and tumbled car-cass of a dead king. For "in the night was Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, shun."

"I go on to learn some lessons from all this. I learn that when God writes any thing on the wall, a man had better rend it as it is. Pannel did not misinterpret or modify the handwriting on the wall. It is all foolishness to expect a minister of the Gospel to preach always things that the people like, or the people choose.

"Young men of Washington, what shall I preach to you toinght? Shall I tell you of the dignity of haman nature? Shall I tell you of the dignity of haman nature? Shall I tell you of the dignity of haman nature? Shall I tell you of the worders that our race has accomplished? Oh! no, you say; tell me the thessage that came from God. I will, If there is any handwriting on the wall, it is this fesson. Repent! Accept of Carist and be saved! I might talk of a great many other things; but that is the message, and so I declare it.

"Another legson that comes to us tonkful, there is a great difference between the opening of the banquet of sin and its close. Young man, if you had looked in upon the banquet in the first few hours, you would have wished you had been invited there, and could sit at the feast. 'Oh! the grandeur of Pelshazzar's feast!' you would have said; but you look in at the close of the banquet and your blood curdles with borror. The King of Terrors has there a ghastiler banquet; human blood is the wine and dying groams are the music. Sin his minde itself a king in the earth. It has crowned itself. It has spread a banquet. It invites all the world to come to it. It has hing in its strewn, from its wealth, the tables and floors and arches. And yet how ofter is that banquet broken up, and how horrible is its end! Ever and alone there is a bandwriting on the wall. A king falls. A great culprit is arrested. The knees of wick-mess knock together. God's Judgment, like an armed host, breaks in upon the banquet, and that night is Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, slain.

APPEAL TO THE YOUNG.

"Good night, my young friends! may you

"Good-night, my young friends! may you have rosy sleep, guarded by him who never slumbers! May you awake in the morning strong and well! But oh! art thou a despiser of God? Is this thy last night on earth? Should'st thou be awakened in the night by something, thou knowest not what, and there be shadows floating in the room, and a bandwriting on the wall, and you feel that your last morr is come, and there he a fainting at the heart, and a tremor in the limb, and a catching of the breath—then thy, doom would be but an echo of the words of the text. 'In that night was Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, stain."
"Oh! that my Lord Jesus would now make himself so attractive to your souls that you cannot resist him; and if you have never prayed before, or have not prayed since those days when you knelt down at your mother's knee, then that tonight you might pray, saying:

Just as I sm. without one plea But that thuy blood was shed for me.
And that thou bid'st me come to thee; O Lamb of God, I come!

"But if you cannot think of so long a prayer as that." APPEAL TO THE YOUNG.

O Lamb of God, I come!

"But if you cannot think of so long a prayer as that, I will give you a shorter prayer that you can say: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner!' Or, if you cannot think of so long a prayer as that, I will give you a still shorter one that you may utter, 'Lord save me, or I perssh!' Or, if that be too long a prayer, you need not make it. Use the word 'Help!' Or, if that be too long a word, you need not use any word at all. Just look and live!"

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OUITE A GREAT DIFFERENCE

Scenes in a Not Exclusive Cafe, Where Birds of Every Pretty Feather Flock Together and Order According to Taste or Impulses of Economy or Show of Epicurean Knowledge.

The old distinction between dining and ating dinner will never be eradicated so long as the restless American lives to believe that time is money and money only. There used to and are still places where they go only for dinner. It is not strange, though, that in a city that is fast assuming the cosmopolitan atmosphere as Washington is, a place may be found where people do both. There is a restaurant in this city, not

more than a bundred miles from the Capitol, where the people who enter do so with either the intent to enjoy them selves or to feed themselves. They are usually eminently successful in whichever course they pursue. Amuse-ment comes for the waiting to be who

keep his eyes open.

Every Washingtonian at some time in his life goes to this food dispensary. Others go oftener. Still others go daily, Strangers seek it on their visit to the Capital. The menu runs from basso profundo to pianissimo. From good and substantial to dangerous and dyspepsia-court-

The place has the regulation restaurant the place has the regulation restaurant look, mirrors and electric fans give it that. The table linen varies in purity of tone from the light to the darker garts of the room. By the front windows and under the rear skylight it is ever poiless. In other parts of the room it is never bad, however.

Just as the observer gets fairly scated in comes a person who has never been there before. Anyhow, that was the experience of The Times reporter when he scated himself at one of the tables the other day. The new comer was a nice-looking, middle aged gentleman of more than medium weight. He puffed as he sat down, The waiter handed him the menu card.

The entables were arranged in departents, the plain foods and the delicacies being classed together. The parfing man waded boldly in and began perusing the card. He got down the cover page without saying anything and as he turned to begin on the entrees the colored waiter lurched over to his left foot like an excursion steamer shifting her crowd toward the wharf side. The waiter was tired of standing on his right foot. After another apparently endless round of waiting, interrapted only by the labored puffing of the new arrival, he ordered. He took only "an onion steak and trimmings."
When it came he ate it as though it was the meal of his life and inwardly patted himself for his segacity in ordering such a

layout from so suspendous a teserve.

It is not always the new-comers that so closely read the bill of fare through. There are lots of people that go to this and other restaurants, who each time as carefully go over the list as though it was the daily paper or some piece of choice

ANOTHER PATRON.

A thin man sat on the other side of the com. His clothes bung very loosely about his frame and gave the appearance of being much too large for him. He was nervous and eager to get away apparently. After looking down the card, he wound up sudlenly by ordering iced tea, a cheese sandwitch and a prece of fruit cake. When he
had cleared away the outfit as completely
as a prairie fire licks up town lots, in an
enterprising trans-Mississippi region, he
called for a piece of apple pie and a glass

f milk. He grabbed the check from
the waiter, pansed nervously at the cashler's desk and was gone.

The nervous man had hardly had time
to turn the corner when a jolly company
entered. It consisted of two, Their combined weight would not fall far short of
half a thousand. There soould easily looking down the card, he wound up sud-

half a thousand. There sould easily arise a controversy as to which was the larger. They moved over to the table where the thin man had sat and she took his chair. The other member of the party, who was her husband, squeezed in the chair

opposite her and between the table and the wall.

She began to remove her gloves and gaze at the faces around her as he hunted down

"Vhat shu goin! to take?" he queried. "Anything you like," she replied, in abroken English, and continued her gaze

about the room.

The waiter brought an order—both alike—that began with noodle soup. In addition came Frankfurt sausage and sauerkraut, lamb fries, shrimp salad, rye sauerkraut, lamb fries, sarinip saisu, rye bread, and two or three vegetables. The two laughed and talked all the time they ate. He spoke in his broken English with German accent and she in her plain American. She knew her parents' mother tongue, though, and when he leaned over and said a half dozen sentences in sotto and said a half dozen sentences in some voce German she laughed most heartily. They are and are until it become a problem whether the man would be able oget away from his chair unless the table was moved or a hole was cut in the wall. They enjoyed their dinner, apparently, and when they began on the beer each wanted a Schweitzer sandwich to eat with it. When they got up one knew they had dined.

A GOLDEN BLONDE. The hour had grown late and there began The hour had grown are and there esgan to be more dining and less eating done. That does not mean, though, that less is saten. A young blonde, vivacious and stunning, came in with her escort. She wore a bonnet of the description of a flower, I row of heads and a fastening, and it was plain that she came to be seen. The young plain that she came to be seen. The young man, who was even more stylishly attired than she, was proud of her, but she did not seem over-zealous about him. They began and slowly moved down through the oysters, soup and fish.

Just enough of each was left to look well, or for that matter nothing at all was sometimes left and on other occasions everything was left untouched, so that it always looked well. That is, one got the impuression by

was left unionched, so that it always looked well. That is, one got the impression by the time they have started on the entress they had dired earlier. When the roast gas served one began to forget them, and when the glace tortoni came, one sattention was entirely diverted, and he almost forget that the young man called for a quart of extra dry as though he did it every dinner

A trio came in together. They were from the comic opera that happened to be here that week. That was plain, they could have come from nowhere class. One girl was demure and petite and the other was of the new woman variety. The latter was clad in a gray plaid coat, cut much after the fashion of that worn by her escart, and fell away from a collar and shirt m similar to his.

Alphonso, that was what they called him, did the ordering, and the rapidity with which they stored away what was set before them was truly astonishing. Everything, from oystes to cheese, went down with the assistance of so many quarts of

with the assistance of so many quarts of liquids, that it was alarming to think where it was all stored.

Almost every one had gone by that time, though the new woman leaned back and declared she had had enough. Then they began to discuss shop talk. Both were evidently in the front row, and the man sang a leading part. The new woman had been studying some lines through, and she soon expected to do greater things. She looked for the dawning of a better day, and as they all began to reach for their and as they all began to reach for their wraps, she said in a sharp, contraits voice: "In good, Queen Elizabeth's reign In a decent and virtuous age,

In a decent and virtuous age.

That they ne'er might give modesty pain,
No female appeared on the stage.
But, to! what a change time affords.
The ladies, 'mong other strange things,
Call for heimets, for breeches and awords
And act senators, heroes and kings."

## "NANCY LEE" IN TROUBLE

Dr. Talmage Again Addresses They Possibly Go to Dine, or Money Matters Nearly Caused a Crisis in the Company.

HREE MEMBERS HAVE QUIT

Miss Stacy Was One and She Gives a Version of the Disturbance-Digby Bell Said to Have Nearly Quit-Back Salaries Assigned as the Principal Cause-Company Goes South,

A comedy not down on the programs was enacted behind the scenes of the Na-tional Theater, Safurday night, soon after the curtain fell on the last act of "Nancy

For sometime past there has been a mis-

understanding about the terms of their con-tract between Mr. Digby Bell, the leading Mr. Tyler, the manager. Mr. Bell's contract called for six performances a week and a matinee on Saturday. Ever since the company started out, some five weeks ago, it has been their custom upon coming to a theater where Wednesday matinees were the rule, to give an afternoon performance on that day.

Although this custom entailed asking from Mr. Belt more than his contract called for, he has cheerfully consented to it and gone on every Wednesday without objection. Upon the company reaching Washington. the company started out, some five weeks

will sit at one of the round tables and on every Wednesslay without objection. Upon the company reaching Washington, however, from where it has gone South for an extended tour, Mr. Bell called Manager Tyler's attention to the chase in his contract, which virtually prohibited Wednesslay matthess, and asked if some arrangement could not be made whereby he would be assured that it would not again be broken.

It is a well known fact that when the opera "Nancy Lee" was first set on in Balti-

opera 'Nancy Lee' was first set on in Balti-more it proved to be a failure. When this was discovered word was sent to New York for a skilled libbrettest and the opera-was whipped into shape.

PLAY NOT A GO. No expense was spared to make the piece a success, and it was backed financially by Mr. Knabe, the piano manufacturer, an dmost unlimited amount was at the com pand of the management. Not withstand ing all these efforts the piece has proved to be a good deal of a fizzle, and it was said last night by a gentleman in a position to know, that it has lost money almost

from the opening night.

When the company reached Washington they were in a state of uncertainty and apprenension as to what was to be done. The action of Mr. Bell in bringing up the uestion of mid-week matinees only pre cipitated the crisis. On Thursday night it was said Mr. Bell positively refused to go on unless certain moneys due him, amounting to \$210, were forthcoming-As the management was unable to supply the amount, Mr. Rapley, the manager of the theater, generously advanced the sum

equired.

From then until the end of the week the affairs of the company were at a strong tension. Mr. Knahe refused to go deeper into his pocket. On Saturday night after the performance, Mr. Bell again suggested to Mr. Tyler that some action should he inken to guarantee him against further be incen to guarantee him against further violations of his contract on the coming southern tour. In reply Mr. Tyler sug-gested that Mr. Bell and his wife were at perfect liberty to leave the company then and there, and that it would not be difficult to supply their places in the cast. Mr. Bell immediately ordered his luggage sent from the theater to his hotel and engaged an attorocy to represent him

FINALLY ADJUSTED MATTERS. Mr. Knabe was telegraphed to come over om Baltimore, and after half the night and been spent in arguments and conference the matter was adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. This settled the hisputed points between Mr. Bell and the ent, but the financial side of the

management, but the financial side of the question was still open to argument.

Although the chorus people had received their salary, and in some cases were in debt to Mr. Tyler, it appeared that a number of the principals had not been paid, and in several cases had two or three weeks' salary due them.

They refused absolutely to leave the city or to allow the baryang to be removed. They recent absolutely to save the cuty or to allow the baggage to be removed from their horeis until the matter was settled. So uncertain was the future of the company that the trunks belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bell did not leave their hotel until after 4 o'clock yesterday.

although the train was to leave for Atlanta at 4:30 o'clock.

As it was three of the most prominent members of the cast remained behind and will return to New York today. They will return to new lork today. Locy preferred to leave the company here rather than risk the perils of a series of one night stands in the distant South and the uncertainties of an unpromising future. Miss Delia Stacey, the clever little

onbrette of the company, was one of those who remained in the city MISS STACEY'S VERSION.

MISS STACEY'S VERSION.
When seen at her hotel last night she talked quite frankly about the trouble.
Miss Stacey said:
"I informed Mr. Tyler over a week ago that I should be compelled to leave the company at Washington if salaries were not paid more premptly. Things have been going from bad to worse for some time past, and they reached a climax last night, when we were informed that our hotel bills would be paid, but that we would have to wait another week for our salary." another week for our salary."

Mr. Bick, the personal representative of Mr. Knabe, came over from Baltimore to try and personale Miss Stacey to take the night train last evening and rejoin the com-

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pany in Atlanta, but she refused absolutely to go.

Both Miss Jewell, the contraito, and Mr.
Lythgoe, the tenor of the company, who also
remained, spoke in the highest terms of Mr.
Tyler, the manager.
It was stated on excellent authority last

night that Mr. Knabe had offered his third interest in the opera to a gentleman in this city for \$2,000, which is about one-quarter of the money he has invested in the enter-

JAMES CREEK TRAGEDY. Coroner Hammett Will Hold an Inquest Over Nettle Thompson.

The body of Nettle Thompson, who was drawned in James Creek canal early Sunday morning, as announced in The Times of Sunday, lies at the bome of the dead woman, No. 4 L street southeast. Coroner Hammert will hold an inquest at station No. 4 at 3 p. m. today.

tion No. 4 at 3 p. m. today.

Herman J. Martin, the man in whose company she was shortly before she was drowned, and who gave the alarm, will be closely examined. George Chapman, a part of the atcolored man, who saw part of the at fair, will be an important witness. So far as known to the police of the Fourth pre-cinct. Chapman is the only person who saw Martin and the Thompson woman near

He will testify that Martin called out to him that a woman had fallen in the canal, and that William asked him to assist in rescuing her. His testimony will be favor-able to Martin. Martin, it is said, will able to Martin. Martin, it is paid, which testify that he and the woman were walking along K street, and that he left her just before reaching the canal, to go to Dugan's saloon. Soon after he left her she threw herself into the water. He hastened back to the bridge and sa wher struggling, but could not save her. He called for help, but he for it came the woman drowned.

The police do not share in the story sug-gested by some, that the woman wasmurder-ed. They think that the couple had been drinking, and that in a fit of desperation the woman threw herself in the canal, or it may have been that she fell in by acci dent. In the unguarded condition of the waterway this might happen. Nettie Thompson was the divorced wife of Chas. F. Cummings, a clerk in the Sixth Audi-

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